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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCANCELLED 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND 4,710,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

TOKIO. KOBE.
NAGASAKI. LONDON.
LYONS. NEW YORK.
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.
BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.
TIENTSIN. NEWCHWANG.
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARIS BANK, LTD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent
6 " 4 "
5 " 3 "

TARO HODSUM,
Manager.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1902. [10]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000

Sterling Reserve \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve \$4,250,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. R. SHEWAN, Chairman.
A. HAUT, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

Hon. C. W. Dickson, H. Schubart, Esq.
E. Guetz, Esq. N. A. Siebs, Esq.
G. H. Medhurst, Esq. H. W. Slade, Esq.
D. M. Moses, Esq. H. E. Tomkins, Esq.
A. J. Raymond, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER—
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.
MANAGER—
Shanghai—H. M. BEVINS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1902. [13]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [14]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000
Paid up Capital \$ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors—
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. C. Ewens, Esq.
Chow Tung Shang, Esq. Julius Focke, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1902. [15]

THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$6. Tuels 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Berlin, Calcutta, Hankow,
Tientsin, Tsingtao (Kiautschou).

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. SCHOTTLAENDER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1902. [16]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF
NEW YORK
(AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1864.

U.S. Gold
PAID UP CAPITAL \$1,000,000
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$4,756,600

Gold \$6,758,600

Head Office—NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:

33 and 35; Lombard Street, E.C.
F. C. Bishop, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS:
PARR'S BANK LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, DES VIEUX ROAD.

General Banking and Exchange business
transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Accounts at 2% per annum.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months 2 1/2% per annum.

" 6 " 3 1/2 "

" 12 " 4 % "

N. G. EVANS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. [16]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Telcs.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:

CANTON. PEKING.

CHEFOO. PENANG.

CHINKIANG. SINGAPORE.

CHUNKING. TIENTSIN.

HANKOW.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection
Bills of Exchange drawn on the above
Places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Trans-
fers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 6 months.

1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 12 months.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1902. [12]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$800,000

RESERVE FUND \$650,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of a per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On First Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.

" " 6 "

" " 3 " 3 1/2 "

T. P. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1902. [11]

INSURANCE.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept Fire
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [25]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.,

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK
MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER
SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches

awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition;

and for Voigtlander and Sohn's

CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES,

MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES

Nos. 14 & 16, Queen's Road Central. [27]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

YOKOHAMA, Ceylon W. Hayward, R.N.R. About 11th August. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI, Parramatta R. T. Cook About 15th August. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. Ballaarn R. A. Peters Noon, 16th August. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, Canton C. F. Lockstone, R.N.R. Noon, 22nd Aug. Freight or Passage.

(See Special Advertisement.)

VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE. (Passing through the Inland Sea).

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1902. [14]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIK PORTS.

ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

BAYERN WEDNESDAY, 20th August.

KONIG ALBERT THURSDAY, 4th September.

PRINZESS IRENE THURSDAY, 18th September.

PRINZ-REGENT LUITPOLD WEDNESDAY, 1st October.

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 15th October.

HAMBURG WEDNESDAY, 29th October.

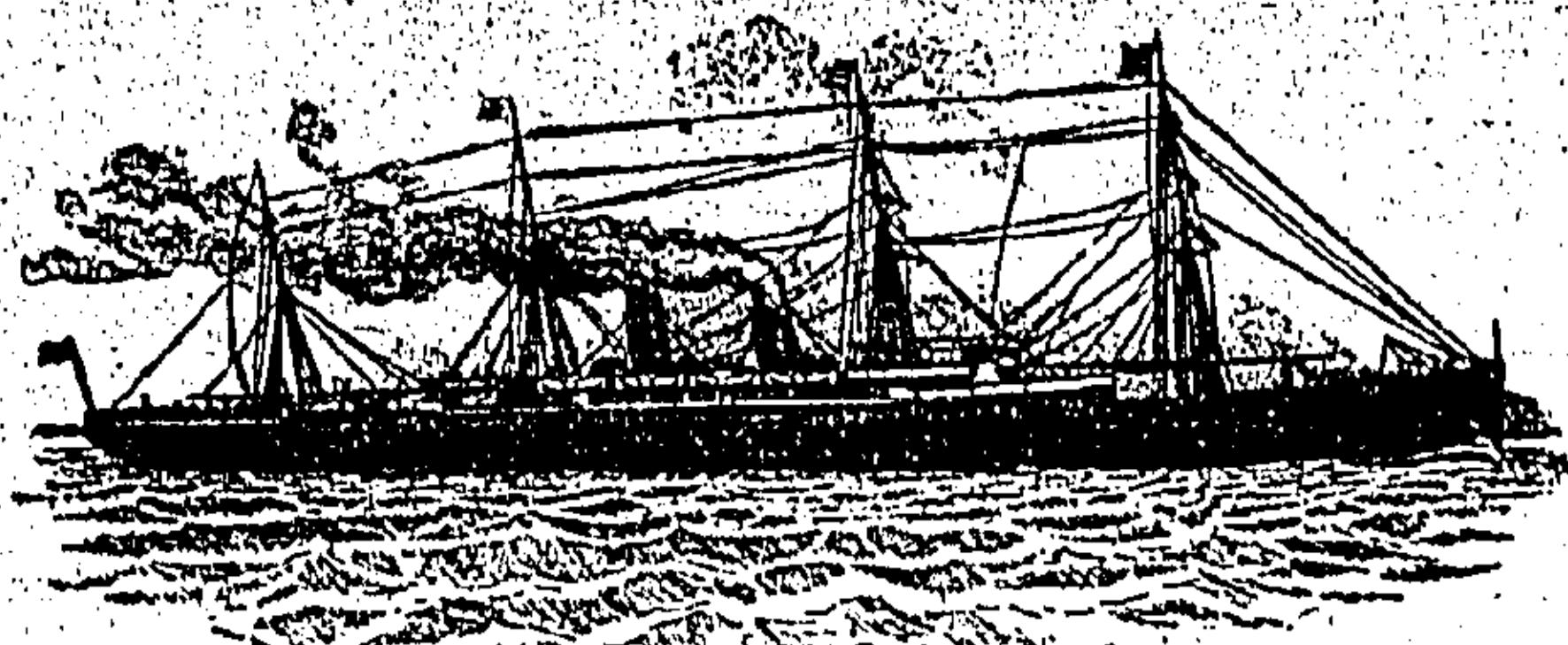
SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 12th November.

KARLSRUHE WEDNESDAY, 26th November.

KIAUTSCHOU WEDNESDAY, 2nd December.

Mails.

U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE;

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CHINA"	THURSDAY, 14th August, at Noon.
"DORIS"	FRIDAY, 22nd August, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 30th August, at Noon.
"PERU"	TUESDAY, 9th September, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 16th September, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 24th Sept., at Noon.

THE F. M. Company's Steamship "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £1 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Points, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES and CANADIAN POINTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing, Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Points, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

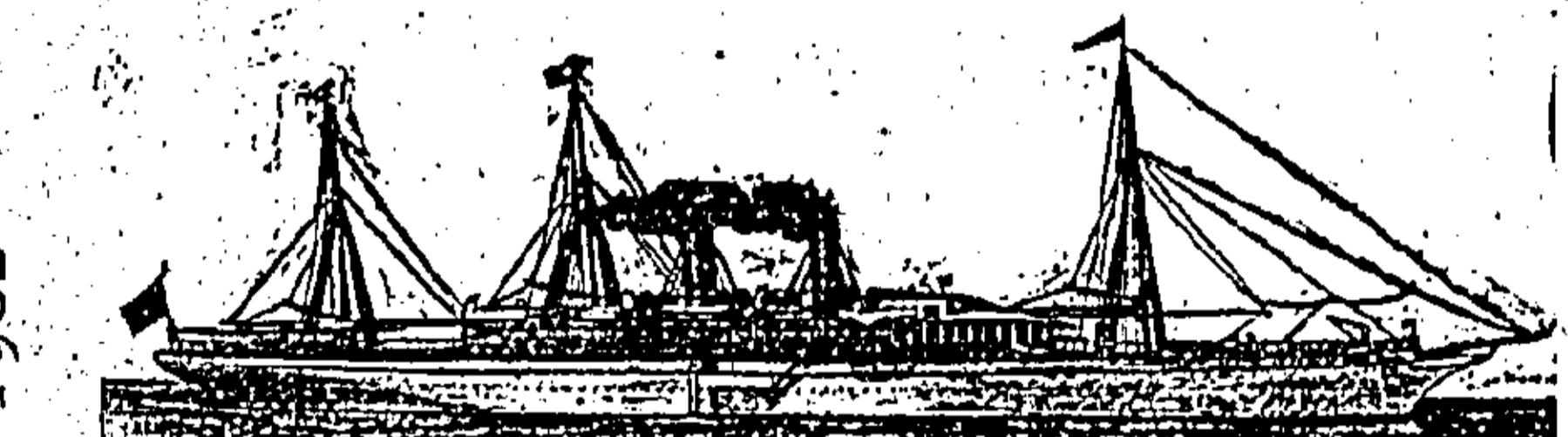
Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



1902
SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE EAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships: 6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

R.M.S. EMPIRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.WEDNESDAY, 27th Aug.
" TARTARComdr. E. Beetham, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 10th Sept.
" EMPIRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 24th Sept.
" ATHENIAN.....Comdr. H. MowattWEDNESDAY, 8th Oct.
" EMPIRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R.WEDNESDAY, 22nd Oct.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD, Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIA OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide-Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1902.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
OSTASIASTISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
AMBRIA	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	14th Aug.	{ Freight.
Eldora	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	28th Aug.	Freight.
Fuchs	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Sept.	Freight and Passengers.
Mayer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	24th Sept.	Freight.
Kirchner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
FREIBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	8th Oct.	Freight.
Udolph	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
SILVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	22nd Oct.	Freight.
Behrens	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
	For further particulars, apply to		
	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.		

Hongkong, 6th August, 1902.

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 472 of 1st instant, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business, TO-MORROW, the 9th instant:

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

T. G. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,

E. W. ORMISTON,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,

GASTON MAVER,
Acting Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK,

H. SCHOTTLAENDER,
Manager.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK,

J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK,

N. G. EVANS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1902.

182nd

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th August, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1902.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1902.

178d

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 2nd, to the 16th day of August next, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1902.

179d

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 18th August, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th August, both Days inclusive:

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1902.

1793d

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING called for MONDAY, 18th August, has been POSTPONED until further Notice.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1902.

1824d

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 10%, or \$1.50 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be PAYABLE AT THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION and after WEDNESDAY, the 6th August, 1902.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1902.

182d

QUEEN MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, 22nd August, 1902, at 11.45 A.M., when the Subjoined Resolution, which was passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Tuesday, 8th August, 1902, will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION, namely:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, be, and he is hereby appointed, Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1902.

CHOLERA AT PORT ARTHUR.

GREAT MORTALITY AMONG THE PEOPLE.

The increase of cholera in Port Arthur is causing the authorities much alarm, the special correspondent of the *Shanghai Times* reports. Twenty cases have been recorded among the European population, thirteen of which have ended fatally. Among the Chinese the mortality is excessive. No accurate figures are obtainable concerning the Chinese death rate. Up to the present date Daly has escaped the infection. Stringent precautions are being taken to check the spread of the disease. The C. E. Railway's Co.'s steamer *North* arrived in Chefoo from Port Arthur with a case of cholera aboard. The afflicted person succumbed before reaching port. The steamer is now in quarantine.

CHOLERA AND THE EXPORT OF TEA.

Tientsin has suffered more than any other place in the Far East from cholera during the past two months, and one of the results of this state of affairs has been a marked decrease in the amount of export business from Nagasaki to North China, says the local newspaper. During June this was particularly noticeable in the shipments of tea. In that month, only 12,400 catties of common grade tea—about half the quantity shipped in previous years—left Nagasaki. Some improvement has come about now, however. The N. Y. K. S. *Genkai-maru*, which left Nagasaki for North China, carried no less than 100,000 catties of common grade tea, the largest single shipment during the season.

COLONEL GRIMM SENTENCED.

PRISONER PREFERS DEATH.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times*, says:

The police newspapers, the *Cens* and the *Nava Reforma*, of Lemberg, publish particulars of the trial of Colonel Grimm by the Court-martial at Warsaw on the 12th and 13th June. In the indictment, the prisoner was charged with having betrayed to Germany and Austria-Hungary the contents of certain schemes of mobilization and plans of fortresses as also of the principal scheme for the concentration of Russian troops on the Nauka-Bug railway line in case of an invasion by Germany. It was represented as an "extenuating circumstance" that Colonel Grimm had also supplied some apocryphal plans. In the course of a complete confession the accused stated that he had been led into acting as he did by a prominent officer of the German General Staff, whose acquaintance he had made at Wiesbaden, and who came specially from Berlin for the purpose of seeing him. He had received a retaining fee of 10,000 marks before he had given any information whatever, and a further sum of 50,000 marks for the first two plans he delivered. In the course of three years he had received in all 300,000 roubles. Of this amount only 25,000 roubles were found in his possession when he was arrested, the remainder having been squandered in gambling, etc., and in paying off old debts.

The officer who acted as public prosecutor observed that

THE PRISONER'S TREASON

would be of no advantage to those on whose behalf it was committed, as all the plans had been immediately subjected to a complete transformation. He mentioned incidentally that 14,000,000 roubles were to be spent on new fortifications, and a third bridge across the Vistula near Warsaw. After four hours' deliberation, the Court-martial condemned Colonel Grimm to military and civil degradation, 12 years' hard labour on the island of Sakhalin, and subsequent banishment for life to a remote part of Siberia. The prisoner announced that he would appeal to the clemency of the Czar to convert his punishment into death by shooting.

EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR IN A CEYLON GAOL.

PRISONERS DASH FOR LIBERTY.

A bold and most daring escape of prisoners from the jail at Ragama, Ceylon, took place on June 28th. Fifty-three prisoners, says the *Times of Ceylon*, escaped after assaulting and overpowering the jail guard, and the police, and in the *melee*, which ensued, twelve prisoners were wounded and two killed by the fire-arms of the guards and officers. Five hundred prisoners were employed on a quarry, and on the completion of work for the day they were conducted back to the jail at about 3-30 o'clock, which is the hour at which work is stopped on Saturdays. When this gang of men was being escorted from the quarry to the jail, marching in a long line, a section of the most desperate characters

FIFTY-THREE IN NUMBER broke away, overpowered the jail guards who are only armed with batons, and getting clear away, sought the surrounding jungles. A bold attempt to stop the men was made by Mr. E. Schokman, deputy jailor, who was placed in a position of great danger. He was set upon by a number of the men while attempting to drive them back and had to use his revolver. When he had fired off all the chambers he had to resort to a stout stick for defence and with this he set about him merrily. Nothing could stop the rush, however, which was of a most determined character. The deputy jailor was assaulted and sustained several injuries; a jail guard, who was using his baton freely, was brutally assaulted, while one of

THE POLICE GUARD WAS OVERPOWERED and, his rifle and some rounds of cartridges carried away by the fugitives. The police guard, about eight in number, who escorted the prisoners and the jail guards armed with their batons, were totally inadequate to put down the out-

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUMMER UNDERWEAR.

broke. Several shots were fired by the police, and two of the prisoners were killed and twelve wounded, as already stated. One of the men who was shot dead was the ring-leader, a desperate character, named Bembay. By June 30th 34 of the fugitives had been arrested.

THE CORONATION BONFIRES.

MANY TWINKLING POINTS.

Arrangements had been made for lighting between 50 and 60 bonfires in Surrey on Coronation night, says the *L. & C. Express*, and these embraced nearly all the highest hills in the country, including Leith Hill, Box Hill, Hambury Hill, Ewhurst Hill, Chinnorth Hill, Hindhead, St. Martha's Hill, Pewley Hill, the Hog's Back, Merrow Downs, Chobham, Bagshot, Combe Warren, Wimbledon, &c. Some of these bonfires were lighted surreptitiously on Thursday or Friday, but on Monday evening, the 30th June, the great majority were lit, and, the night being dark, those occupying a good position on some of the higher hills could count a great many fires. At Guildford there was some disturbance in consequence of the decision of the local committee not to light the bonfire till a later date. A very large crowd assembled on Pewley Hill, and despite the efforts of the local police the huge pile was ignited amid cheers. A little before 10 o'clock a signal rocket was fired, as had been arranged, from the Big Wheel at Earl's Court, and it was not long before it became evident that the instructions conveyed thereby were being carried out. In a short time the heights of the Kent, and also the Surrey hills, were outlined with "twinkling points of fire," and in every direction a dull glow, almost immediately increasing to a bright glare, denoted the kindling of answering beacons. In fact the South and South-Eastern suburbs appeared to be lying in a basin half encircled by a line of miniature volcanoes furiously spouting smoke and flame.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

Per P. and O. steamer *Brilliant*, connecting with the steamer *Ballarat* at Colombo, from London, June 26—To Shanghai: Mrs. and Miss Bourne, To Hongkong: Sergt. and Mrs. High, and a child, Mr. Leonard. To Penang: Mr. W. C. Dalton, Mr. J. Battin. From Gibraltar—To Hongkong: Lieut. A. Pias, Lieut. J. M. Brax, Lieut. M. Lewis, Lieut. A. Fontessa, Lieut. and Mrs. Franso and child. From Marseilles—To Hongkong: Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Henry Yeomans. To Singapore: Mr. E. Edgar. Per P. and O. steamer *Himalaya*, connecting with the steamer *Martha* at Colombo, from London, July 12th—To Shanghai: Mr. J. P. Smith, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. and Miss Bourne. To Hongkong: Mr. Christensen, Mr. Foranen, T. S. Stigerson; H. H. the Sultan of Perak, Rajah Hirao, Rajah Chulan, Rajah Sir Adisah Pan Guna Rajah, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Beloe, Mr. Splitthouse, Lieut. N. C. Taylor. To Penang: Mr. R. K. Teveshler, Mr. R. G. Hekey. From Brindisi, July 1—To Hongkong: Mr. A. Roosevelt, Mr. Henry Yeomans. To Singapore: Mr. E. Edgar. Per P. and O. steamer *Himalaya*, connecting with the steamer *Martha* at Colombo, from London, July 12th—To Shanghai: Mr. J. P. Smith, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. and Miss Bourne. To Hongkong: Mr. Christensen, Mr. Foranen, T. S. Stigerson; H. H. the Sultan of Perak, Rajah Hirao, Rajah Chulan, Rajah Sir Adisah Pan Guna Rajah, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Beloe, Mr. Splitthouse, Lieut. N. C. Taylor. To Penang: Mr. R. K. Teveshler, Mr. R. G. Hekey. From Brindisi, July 1—To Hongkong: Mr. A. Roosevelt, Mr. Henry Yeomans. To Singapore: Mr. E. Edgar.

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SCRAMBLE FOR TEA NUTS.—A vendor of roasted peanuts was this morning caught by one of the limbs of the law selling his goods on the sidewalk near Central Market. In arresting the man, the basket was capsized into the road and a good scramble ensued.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—The Harbour

Master states that much damage and delay to the work of removing the wrecked *Pakshan* has been caused through the wash of passing vessels. Masters of vessels are cautioned to go as slow as possible when passing in the vicinity of the wreck.

THE LIMEWASHING RETURN for the

fortnight ended July 21st shows a total of 5,817 houses limewashed, three exemptions granted,

eight prosecutions, and \$7.07 paid in fines. The return for the fortnight ending August 2nd shows, total houses washed 5,817, exemptions 34, prosecutions 6, and fines amounting to \$104.

A RECENT LANDSLIP.—In consequence of the present condition of the Wesleyan Church, owing to the recent landslip, Divine Service will be conducted in the morning at 10.30 and in the evening at 6.30, until further notice, in the Meeting room of the S. & S. Home, Arsenal Street, Praya.

A GOOD TAOTAI.—It is reported that Ts'en

Futai is to be removed to Kuangsi. Whatever

advantage this may be to the Empire it is a

matter of sincere regret to all friends of Shansi, and H. E. Ts'en may be sure he will carry with him the grateful respect and good wishes of those foreigners in the province who have been preserved from trouble by his strong and

vigorous administration.

ALLEGED BREACH OF TRUST.—It will

be remembered that a week ago the Water

Police arrested a Japanese on board the s.s.

Pingsanglock, in consequence of a wire re-

ceived in Hongkong from Singapore. When

the case was called on this morning before Mr.

Hazelton, Insp. Williamson, who was in charge of it, applied for a further remand as he was

expecting the witnesses for the prosecution

from Singapore.

LINGCHI'H AT CHANGTEFU.—It was

reported the other day that Ching Ting-pin, the

principal chief of the rebels in south-western

Chihli, had been captured in Honan on the 7th

July last. A Paoching dispatch now reports that

Ching was also captured his son, and that

both were put to death by the "slicing process,"

or lingshib, on the 19th ultimo in the yamen

of the prefect of Changefu, Liu Lo-ze, the

chief lieutenant of Ching Ting-pin, escaped

at their post, and we with them will raise a

cheer, and join in the acclamations that will

go up from every spot of the Empire when

its King and Queen are crowned.

Sketched in the Council Chamber.

It would almost appear from yesterday's

meeting of our legislative dignitaries that the

esthetic craze has drifted out to

Hongkong and affected the minds of those

representing the community in the trans-

acting of our government affairs. Such

notions are all very well in their way and

no doubt serve their end; but in meetings

of men of business, with lengthy agendas to

discuss, and punkahs drifting the hot

breezes on to their foreheads, it is, to say

the least, very tantalising. Burns's "Epistle

to a Young Friend" is doubtless admiring

and perhaps appropriate; so are some of

the lines in Pope's "Essay on Criticism,"

but if our legislative measures are to be

perfected with lines of verse an earlier hour

for the commencement of the meeting will

have to fixed. One of the newly initiated

unofficial dignitaries even went so far as to

suggest that the standing rules and orders be

amplified. Doubtless the Senior Unofficial

Member would appreciate the suggestion,

seeing that in all his lengthy experience

the fifty-eight sections, of which the rules

and orders comprise twenty relating to the

rules of debate, have been found to be all

that is necessary to guide our legislators

in a correct procedure in Council. We

don't require all these unseemly interrup-

tions on our Council, but should rather

bear in mind the time worn motto concern-

ing the doing of one thing at a time. No

one will dispute the right of the members

from giving their views upon any matter with

which they are sufficiently well acquainted and

able to speak with weight and authority, but

wishing to run, before walking will end in

disaster. Until a practical acquaintance

with the order of procedure in Council is

gained it would be well to remember that

greater haste calls for a decrease of speed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH will not

be published to-morrow.

SIX FATAL CASES OF PLAGUE occurred in the Colony during the twenty-four hours ended at noon to-day.

THE SANITARY BOARD.—Mr. G. A. Woodcock is going to leave, the Hon. Dr. F. W. Clark is Acting Secretary.

A BOARD OF TRADE CERTIFICATE has been issued in this Colony to Mr. William Crosby, for second engineer.

THE KWANGSI TROUBLES.—The rebel movement in Kwangsi province is spreading. There are over 10,000 men out. The rebels menace several public offices.—*Hanluchi*

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NOT FOR HOME.—We understand that the Japanese girl stowaways to refuse deportation, and submit themselves to the penalties of British law.

MORTALITY STATISTICS for the week

ended 19th July shows 230 per 1,000 per

annum against 169 for the corresponding

period of last year. The British and foreign

community is 37.0 against 22.3 for the cor-

responding week last year.

SCRAMBLE FOR TEA NUTS.—A vendor

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The King's Progress.

LONDON, August 6th.
His Majesty King Edward will arrive in London to-day, and drive to Buckingham Palace in an open carriage.

The Shanghai Garrisons.

Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, in a letter to the *Times*, thoroughly agrees with his esteemed friend Liu-kun-ye, Viceroy of Nanking, that the time has come for the withdrawal of all troops from Shanghai, whose occupation was only intended to be temporary.

The Likin Question.

General Shattuck, United States Special Tariff Commissioner in China, has announced at Shanghai that he is opposed to the abolition of likin and the substitution of a surtax, which he declares will prove disastrous to all nations, and especially to America.

LATER.

Their Majesties in London.

Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra left Cowes for London to-day in wretched weather, the warships assembled at Portsmouth, including the Japanese, firing a royal salute. On arriving at Victoria, Their Majesties entered an open carriage, being favoured by a temporary cessation of the downpour, and drove by a circuitous route at a walking pace to Buckingham Palace, the utmost enthusiasm being displayed by the people the whole of the way. The King walked from the royal yacht to the train, and from the train to the carriage, his easy bearing creating a most favourable impression.

Kruger and Steyn.

Ex-President Kruger of the late Transvaal Republic has paid a visit to Ex-President Steyn of the late Orange River Free State. The doctors in attendance on the latter limited the interview to two minutes.

Chinese Affairs.

In the House of Commons Viscount Cranborne said that Great Britain had made a proposal to the Powers to lighten the burden of the indemnity to China, and also for the evacuation of Shanghai, but in regard to the latter, it was impossible for us to act alone, and we must in all respects have favoured nation treatment.

TYPHOON WARNING.

In his daily report issued this afternoon, Mr. F. G. Figg states:—

On the 8th at 1:30 a.m. Red Drum lowered. The typhoon seems to be slowly moving Northwards near N. Formosa. It has apparently filled up to some extent by contact with the island.

Barometer falling over the E. coast of China, rising in Formosa and over the Philippines. Forecast—moderate to fresh W. and S.W. winds; squally, thundershowers.

PENSIONS TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

THE PAY OF OUR CIVIL SERVANTS.

A LACK OF INFORMATION.

Yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council was not unproductive of good "copy" from a newspaper point of view notwithstanding the fact that the discussion of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was postponed till the arrival of Sir Henry Blake. The meeting was proceeding smoothly enough until the first reading of the Rating Ordinance was in progress, when the Hon. Shewan awoke to the fact that another item on the agenda respecting the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund had been passed, and the following discussion ensued:

Hon. Shewan:—I rise to a point of order: No. 4 does not appear to have come up. Hon. Thomson:—I explained it.

Hon. Shewan:—Excuse me, I am addressing the President of the Council. No. 4 does not seem to have come up yet.

Hon. Shewan:—The resolution you mean. Hon. Shewan:—Yes, sir.

Hon. Shewan:—I thought you heard that the Colonial Treasurer explained that the report of the Finance Committee included the resolution in it.

Hon. Shewan:—No, sir; with regard to No. 4 I did not hear him say that. I had an amendment to move to No. 4.

Hon. Shewan:—Well, I thought it was understood.

Hon. Shewan:—It was not understood by me, sir.

Hon. Sir H. S. Berkeley:—We could go back to No. 4 after we dispose of this item (No. 5).

Hon. Shewan:—Yes, we can go back to it. The Council then proceeded to consider No. 5 of the agenda.

The Ratings Ordinance was then taken, after which His Excellency addressing the Hon. Shewan, said:—I thought you understood—I beg your pardon for not having spoken a little plainer—but I thought you understood that the Colonial Treasurer mentioned that this item was also included in the report of the Finance Committee, and therefore if that were adopted I took it for granted that we should adopt the whole thing. I think perhaps the best plan would be to move your amendment now.

Hon. Shewan:—Then, sir, I beg to move that the Government inform Mr. Secretary Chamberlain that while agreeing to its resolution, the unofficial members deprecate such

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Hon. Thomson:—I explained in Finance Committee that this question affected Civil servants, and that therefore they were not allowed to vote on it, and will not do so when the amendment is put. With regard to the remarks of the hon. member, he seems to attack the whole system of pensions. These are pensions for the widows and orphans of public officers and every public officer joining the Service after a certain date has got to contribute to the fund. The resolution before the Finance Committee means simply to enable these pensions to be paid in England at a certain rate of exchange. There is now only one such pension payable, but it is impossible for me to tell how many there may be payable in the future and therefore I cannot give any indication of what sum will in future be involved, but I should imagine it will not be a very large one.

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Hon. Shewan:—To what does the hon. member refer—the despatch from Mr. Chamberlain about the Widows' and Orphans' Fund?

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Hon. R. M. Rumsey:—I take it, sir, that if anything is done with that despatch it will be laid on the table, not published in papers?

Hon. Shewan:—It has already been published in the *Government Gazette*, a fortnight ago.

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Hon. R. M. Rumsey:—We appear, sir, to be suffering from a want of information.

HON. R. M. RUMSEY.—GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE DAMAGED.

BY THE TYPHOON.

A telegram was received by Government Officials yesterday, stating that Gap Rock lighthouse had suffered in the recent typhoon. We understand that the damage is considerable, and that the crane for receiving stores was seriously damaged.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

A CAPITAL SUGGESTION.

The Hon. Dr. Clark (Medical Officer of Health) sent the following proposal, dated 8th inst., to the President of the Sanitary Board, and it was brought forward at the meeting this afternoon:—

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A BIG JOB.

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Yuan is expected here about the 15th of next month. Prince Su has recently paid him a very secret visit at Paoting in Cox, and much speculation is rife as to the purpose of such a visit, the more especially as Prince Su is just now on the sick list. The native papers go into great particulars respecting his trip even to describing his plain attire and the fact that he carried a black leather bag.

Secret visits and despatches have been rather the order of the day of late, and considerable movement of some kind in Government circles is suggested thereby.

THE INCREASED TARIFF.

Memorials have been sent in to the Throne about the abolition of likin and increase of tariff pointing out that though the former would represent a loss to the revenue of 15 or 16 millions, the latter would mean an increase of 23 millions. The Throne has accordingly signified that the change should take place within the next two years, and those who have the scheme at heart are full of hope that it may now be carried through. With all the talk going on about the marvellous benefits which will accrue from the increased tariff no word reaches us as to how China guarantees the abolition of likin, or by what means mortal mind can tell what happens once the goods are beyond the customs ken and away in the interior. Can any Chinese official be he ever so high-minded and well intentioned guarantee a bale of goods against taxation in transit a couple of hundred miles away? Is it enough to pronounce a thing illegal in China to ensure its not being practiced? It was not so long ago that imperial edicts abolished purchase of office; but in certain places the time-honoured custom was maintained with the result that Yuan fired by ambition to participate in the handsome profits being made openly re-established the offices, though the edict of abolition has never been cancelled. So and so would it be with the "abolished" likin. China cannot give a guarantee, and however much we may talk of it as an "experiment," once the tariff is raised it would not be lowered again, and it would simply mean a deliberate handicapping of trade in haste which would be deeply deplored at leisure.

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